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SUMMARY: TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FUJAIRAH AIRPORT, WHICH WILL HAVE ONE TEN THOUSAND FOOT RUNWAY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE UAE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS ON JANUARY 15, 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. RULER OF FUJAIRAH TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE NEW AIRPORT TO BE BUILT IN FUJAIRAH WILL HAVE ONE TEN-THOUSAND-FOOT RUNWAY WHICH MAY BE LENGTHENED TO TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET. RULER STATED THAT AIRPORT WILL BE JOINT MILITARY-CIVIL FIELD. AIRPORT WAS DISIGNED BY "CANADIAN AIR SERVICES". ACCORDING TO RULER OF FU-JAIRAH, FUNDING OF THE FIELD WILL COME FROM "THE PRIVATE PURSE" OF SHAIKH ZAYID, RULER OF ABU DHABI AND NEWLY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UAE.

2. SHAIKH HAMAD, THE RULER OF FUJAIRAH, ALSO WISHES TO PROMOTE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROJECT NAMED "GARDEN CITY" TO PROMOTE TOURISM. THE PROJECT, WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED BUT NOT BUILT, CONSISTS OF A COLLECTION OF
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WITH A MARINA AND A HOTEL. THE RULER HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY FIRM WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT. THE RULER HOPES THAT THE PROJECT WOULD SEEM SUFFICIENTLY PROFITABLE THAT SOME FOEIGN FIRM WOULD BE WILLING TO BUILD THE PROJECT WITH ITS OWN FUNDS--OR AT LEAST FIND FINANCING--AND OPERATE THE GARDEN CITY OF ORDINARY COMMERCIAL LINES. HE INDICATED THAT THE MIGHT WISH TO LINK CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT TO CONSTRUCTION OF "GARDEN CITY", IF SHAIKH ZAYID CONCURS. IF, HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT AGREE, THEN SHAIKH HAMAD INTENDS TO PUSH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPORT AS HE FEES THE AIRPORT IS NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FUJAIRAH.
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